

FAMILY SCRAP BASKET.

Valuable and Timely Compilation of Household Hints.

Boll clothespins in clear water once a month and they will be much more durable.

Open canned fruit an hour or two before it is needed for use. It is far richer when the oxygen is thus restored to it.

Beat an egg thoroughly in a bowl and add one teaspoon of cold water to it. Use enough of this to thoroughly moisten coffee when making it. Keep in a cold place, and waste no more eggs by drying.

Granulated sugar is the purest brand; consequently the cheapest. Do not use quite as much as of other kinds—one-half inch less for a cupful. Cake batter made with granulated sugar requires longer heating than usual; as the sugar is longer in dissolving.

To beat the white of an egg stiff, with ease, they should be cold, with a very small pinch of salt.

Egg-shells are somewhat porous, and like butter and cheese absorb unpleasant odors. Therefore eggs should be kept in a sweet, clean, cool place.

All floor and whisk brooms should be thoroughly wet in scalding hot brine before using them. It will effectually prevent the straws from breaking.

Add two tablespoonfuls of kerosene to the pail of water with which you wash grained or other varnished furniture.

Put a piece from the top of old kid shoes and insert it inside the ironing holder you are going to make.

Make boiled starch with a weak soap-suds made of white soap, instead of with clear water, and you will have no difficulty with its sticking.

Do not wring woolen underwear through a wringer. Use the hands and shake it thoroughly before drying. When perfectly dry fold it smoothly, but do not iron. See if the odor is not more agreeable than when a hot sadiron has passed over them.

Never slice apples for making pies; quarter and core, and if an apple is large cut each quarter in two pieces.

Sift a tablespoonful of pulverized sugar over the top of two-crust pies before baking, and see how delicious it makes them.

Never put tea leaves on a light colored carpet; they will surely leave a stain.

After thoroughly sweeping a dirty carpet, wipe it with a damp cloth partially wrung out of a mixture of water and ox-gall in proportion of two tablespoonfuls of the latter to a gallon of lukewarm water.

In packing bottles or canned fruit for moving, slip a rubber band over the body of them.

A small teaspoonful of powdered borax added to a bowl of cold starch will give more stiffness to linen than any of the numerous things I have tried.

When you are hurried and a postage stamp will not stick, moisten it and rub it on the flap of an envelope, and then quickly put it in its place.

Mix stove blacking with spirits of turpentine. It will take off the rust, polish easier, and stay glossy longer than when water is used.

Add a tablespoonful of borax to a pan of hot soap-suds; put your table silver in it, and let it stand two hours. Rinse it with clear water, and polish with a soft cloth or ekanols.

Warm dishes for the table by immersing them in hot water, not by standing them on a hot stove.

Coffee boiled longer than one minute is coffee spoiled.—American Agriculturist.

A COLONY OF CATS.

End of a Very Singular Aggregation of Paris Pussies.

By the abolition of the Halle-aux-Herbes at Paris to make room for the new building of the Bourse de Commerce, the curious history of a colony of cats has been brought to an end. Twenty years ago the millers who frequented the old Halle-aux-Herbes, or grain market, found their sacks of wheat destroyed terribly by rats. Traps and other systems of extermination were tried without avail, and at last a few cats were introduced.

They succeeded in putting the rats to flight, but reproduced themselves with such amazing rapidity that the millers found them a greater nuisance than their old enemies. To get rid of the cats that had eaten the rats the administration of the Halle hired five or six bulldogs, but the numerous specimens of the feline tribe were able to climb into corners and crevices which the dogs could not reach. Next the authorities tried to starve them. This also failed, because all the old ladies of the quarter fed them with crusts.

Instead of diminishing, the colony increased, and the administration then lodged a formal complaint at the district police office against the cats. It was forwarded to the Prefecture of Police—the Scotland Yard of Paris—and after due inspection and the requisite formalities an emissary was sent to the Halle armed with a packet of poison from the Municipal Laboratory, which he spread upon bits of horseflesh and summoned the cats to eat. They declined the allurements of the police-prepared dainties, but the bulldogs did not, and their speedy death proved the excellence of the poison provided for their opponents.

Recourse was then had to fire-arms. Constables armed with pistols proceeded to the Halle and fired at every cat they saw, soon reducing the colony to meagre proportions. Some of its members fled to the roof, and there they led a precarious existence for some months. Leave the building where they were born—their fatherland—they would not. At last the pickaxes of the laborers who demolished the Halle drove them from their refuge, and a colony of twenty years duration came to an end.—London Telegraph.

A hole ten feet in circumference appeared in Oconee County, Ga., during the great earthquake in 1886. It is full of water, and there has long been talk about its depth, but no soundings were taken until recently. Then a rope two hundred feet long was put down, but it failed to touch bottom, and now there are persons who declare that "the hole extends into the bowels of the earth." It is proposed to make a second sounding in the near future.

USEFUL AND SUGGESTIVE.

—The Sanitary News calls attention to the case with which collars can be ventilated by pipes connected with the kitchen chimney.

—Jelly Toast.—Cut stale bread into neat rounds or squares; fry each slice in boiling deep fat; spread it thickly with some fruit jelly and serve very hot.—Boston Budget.

—Snow Cake.—One egg, one cup of sugar, one-half cup of milk, one and a half cups of pastry flour, one and a half teaspoonfuls of baking-powder, butter the size of an egg. Flavor with vanilla.

—Good Housekeeping.

—Wafers.—One pint of sifted flour, one fresh egg, a salt-spoonful of salt, a table-spoonful of butter, and sweet milk enough to mix well for kneading. Knead well, roll very thin, cut in fancy shapes, prick with a fork and bake a delicate brown in a good oven.—Boston Herald.

—Pick the green seeds of nasturtiums (after the flower has dropped off) with stems about one and a half inches long, lay them in moderately salted cold water for forty-eight hours, drain, pack in bottles or jars, and cover with boiling vinegar. Tie up, and stand away at least four weeks before you use them. These may be used as a substitute for capers.

—To Keep Fruits Fresh.—Melt slowly over the fire in an iron pot two pounds resin, two ounces tallow, two ounces beeswax. Rub each piece of fruit separately with pulverized chalk to prevent the mixture from adhering to the fruit. Then dip into the solution and let drain for a moment to cool, and pack away carefully in boxes in a cool place. Unequalled for apples, pears, lemons, etc.—Housekeeper.

—Kisses.—Beat the whites of six eggs until frothy; then add half a pound of powdered sugar, beating until very stiff; drop from a spoon on to buttered paper; place the paper on baking tins or shallow pans; dust lightly with powdered sugar and put them into a quick oven; when firm, remove them from the paper carefully; scoop out the center and return to the oven to dry; fill with whipped cream and put two together.—Boston Herald.

—For bread, nothing answers so well as a large tin pail with a cover. Bread should never be put away hot. It should cool some hours before it should be covered, save with a light cloth. And in hot weather it should be examined very frequently for signs of mold. The pails should be washed and scalded, and allowed to dry thoroughly as soon as emptied. In warm weather they may need it often. Bread cloths, if used, should be changed often.—Boston Budget.

—Plum Pudding.—One-half pound chopped suet, one-half pound of flour, one-half pound of bread crumbs, one pound grated carrots, one pound potatoes, one pound of currants, one pound of raisins, one pound of apples, one teaspoonful of ginger, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, one teaspoonful of allspice, one teaspoonful of baking-powder, half a nutmeg (grated), one pound of sugar, a good pinch of salt. Mix the flour, bread crumbs, suet, carrots, ginger, cinnamon, allspice, nutmeg, baking-powder, salt and sugar well, then add currants, raisins (stoned and cleaned), and apples. Mix with water or milk into a soft paste, boil in floured cloth for four hours, or in a basin or mold for five hours.—Glasgow Cooking School.

MUTUAL CIVILITIES.

The Relations of Governments With Newspapers of Influence.

Every Government is willing to cultivate good relations with the greater newspapers. The reputation of no public man is quite beyond the range of their influence, and public men are naturally more solicitous of standing well in popular estimation than they were when place, power and privilege were almost entirely in the hands of the Crown and a few great families. Indeed, the considerations that drive Ministers and men of ministerial rank to the platform forbid them to neglect a friendship which they would gladly do without. The relation between them may be likened to that of rival beauties compelled to mutual civility, when one of them is scornfully conscious of a position which the other can not pretend to, and is careless of acknowledging in her superior. However, civility has to be maintained; for when the statesman has no doubtful measure to propose, no dubious experiment to try, no unexpected opposition to overcome, he has generally some blunder to cover or some misfortune to repair; and in all such cases the aid of two or three great newspapers is valuable. Even when the measure seems worse than doubtful, or the blunder simply vicious, the one may be "let down" and the other palliated by a friendship which is not merely inspired by party preference, but is personal also. Besides, there are many things which a minister may wish to have said without being able to say them himself. Here, again, a friendly press is useful, and is put to use. But it would be an entire mistake to imagine that the statesmen of any party stoop to cajole or to "nobble" the gentlemen of the press, or even those who, standing foremost in their profession, seem most worthy the pains. It is not uncommonly believed to be done, but nothing in my knowledge, which is neither very recent nor very limited, justifies the belief.

Here and there an advertising politician may adopt such tactics and in some measure succeed. It would be easy to name one or two such personages, but they are small—consciously small, perhaps. Generally speaking, they are well seen through by the able editors who yet give them a hand; they rarely come to any thing, and, after a little flutter of notoriety, sink into the place that befits their character and their parts. The capable strongman with his foot on the ladder is more punctilious; and of flattering and nobbling, where the process could be most hopefully plied, there is so little that I am inclined to say there is none at all. A good deal of intercourse, no doubt, there is; and, very possibly, it is not less smooth and frequent when the journalist is at the same time powerful and yielding.—Frederick Greenwood, in Nineteenth Century.

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